



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, June 9, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-2699)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (14-2529)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and welcomed the Commissioners and guests to the meeting.

Present: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., 1st Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Excused: Commissioner Dora de la Rosa, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia and Commissioner Denita Willoughby

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of May 12, 2014. (14-2531)

On motion of Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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2. Update by the Nominating Committee
 - Election of Officers for a term of office beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. (14-2539)

Commissioner Rodriguez submitted the Slate of Candidates for election of officers as follows:

- **Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin for President;**

- Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian for Vice President; and
- Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia for Treasurer.

On motion of Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, the Slate of Candidates was approved.

During discussion, on motion of Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., unanimously carried, the 2014 Nominating Committee was dissolved.

After discussion and there being no further nominations from the floor, on motion of Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, and by Common Consent, Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin was elected as President, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian as Vice President and Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia was elected Treasurer.

II. REPORTS

3. President's Report for June 2014. (14-2532)

President Ward gave a brief overview of her June 2014 report (See Supporting doc). She also reported that she and Commissioner Rodriguez attended the Public Works Leadership Conference. She concluded by sharing some information about a children's book entitled "Everything I need to know I learned from a Little Golden Book".

Commissioner Rodriguez added that the data presentation portion was her favorite of the Leadership Conference. She also urged the Commissioners to make an effort to attend next year's conference.

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4. Committee Reports for June 2014

Education Committee Update

- 2014 Scholarship Award Presentation Program (14-2533)

Education Committee:

Commissioner Petrossian, Education Committee Chair, gave a brief overview of the June 10, 2014 Scholarship Award Presentation Program and reported that scholarship recipients Lucero Noyola and Cristina

Romero will not be attending the Scholarship Awards Presentation Program because she is scheduled to be in Dubai for a research program with her school and the other will be taking her final exams. She thanked the Education Committee members and everyone who volunteered their time.

The Commissioners made the following recommendations regarding the layout of the program:

Commissioners should be listed by district;
Move the County seal to back page;
Words of inspiration titles should be included; and
Words of acknowledgement and gratitude to the Board of Supervisors should be included.

Luncheon Committee:

Commissioner Shevlin, Luncheon Committee Chair, reported that the Commission realized a net profit of \$16,819.86 from the March 10, 2014 Women of the Year Awards and Scholarship Luncheon event.

Commissioner Lesser thanked the Luncheon Committee members and staff for a job well done. She also stated that she will be working on the 2014-15 FY Commission's budget with newly elected Treasurer, Commissioner Garcia.

Attachments: [Publication5](#)

5. Staff Report for June 2014. (14-2534)

Staff distributed an information packet regarding the County of Los Angeles Department of Human Resources Academic Internship Program. Staff also informed the Commissioners that an answer from Fiscal Services regarding the Commission's desire to have a "Ticket Exchange" policy is forthcoming.

III. DISCUSSIONS

6. Discussion and appointment of two representatives to attend the NACW Conference scheduled for July 23-26, 2014. (14-2555)

During discussion, Commissioner Lesser provided clarification that the Commission's President is the voting member at the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) Conference; however, the President can designate any Commissioner as the voting member in

the event she is not able to attend the NACW conference.

On motion of Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, seconded by Commissioner Reiko Duba, unanimously carried, the Commission approved to send President Shevlin and Commissioner Ward to represent the Commission at the July 23-26, 2014 conference in Sarasota, Florida.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

7. Commissioners' Announcements for June 2014. (14-2535)

Commissioner Rodriguez announced that she attended the Leadership Conference and the Children's Village's "Children's Folk Arts" event at USC.

Commissioner Lesser announced that she chaired the "Go Red for Women" luncheon event in the South Bay and that she attended her first official meeting as a member of the Torrance Memorial Board of Directors. She also announced that she continues to work with the Blue Zone efforts on its "Living Streets" event.

Commissioner Shevlin announced that she was elected to an executive position on the Foothill Transit Board during the month of May 2014, representing Cluster 3. She also thanked the Commissioners for electing her as President of the Commission for Women.

Commissioner Petrossian announced that she has been requested to be a key-note speaker for the California Association of Latino Superintendent and Administrators at the July 14, 2014 "Hermanas" Conference. She also announced that she visited Probation Camps Scott and Scudder; and on July 9, 2014, she will be a reader at the Road to Success Academy. President Ward added that the Education Committee should consider visiting the camps and having a "Day at Camp" or "Mentoring Day" to show support to the incarcerated young ladies at Camps Scott and Scudder.

Commissioner Aoki-Hyatt announced that she continues to work with Optimus International Boys home in preparing both boys and girls to be able to live independently after they leave the group home.

President Ward announced that due to a scheduled family vacation, she is unable to attend the July 14, 2014 Commission meeting.

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not posted on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-2536)

The following items were introduced for discussion and were placed on the July 14, 2014 agenda:

- **California Partnership to end Domestic Violence "Connecting the Dots" conference California and discussion of the August 11, 2014 Retreat draft agenda as recommended by Commissioner Rodriguez.**
- **Treasurer's annual report as recommended by Commissioner Lesser.**

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-2537)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission and shared a few articles.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, June 9, 2014. (14-2538)

The June 9, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.